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Amendment

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Offered by:

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"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 14-387 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

5 No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle in the
6 following manner: (1) On any public highway, except (A) such
7 snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle, if operated by a licensed motor
8 vehicle operator, may cross a public highway if the crossing is made at
9 an angle of approximately ninety degrees to the direction of the
10 highway and at a location where no obstruction prevents a quick and
11 safe crossing, the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle is completely
12 stopped before entering the traveled portion of the highway and the
13 driver yields the right-of-way to motor vehicles using the highway,
14 provided nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit the
15 operation of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on a limited access

16 highway, as defined in subsection (a) of section 13a-1; and (B) such all-
17 terrain vehicle, if used exclusively for farming purposes, may travel on
18 a public highway to access the operator's farm land; (2) in such a
19 manner that the exhaust of the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle makes
20 an excessive or unusual noise; (3) without a functioning muffler,
21 subject to the provisions of section 14-80, properly operating brakes,
22 sufficient and adequate front and rear lighting and reflecting devices,
23 except an all-terrain vehicle with an engine size of ninety cubic
24 centimeters or less shall not be required to be equipped with front and
25 rear lighting and shall not be operated after dark; (4) in any manner
26 which would cause harassment of any game or domestic animal; (5) on
27 any land without the written permission of the owner, or the agent of
28 the owner, or in the case of state-owned land, without the written
29 permission of the state agency or institution under whose control such
30 land is, or in the case of land under the jurisdiction of a local
31 municipality without the written permission of such municipality,
32 which written permission shall be carried on the person operating the
33 all-terrain vehicle while on such land; and (6) on any railroad right-of-
34 way. Nothing in sections 14-379 to 14-390, inclusive, shall preclude the
35 operation of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle (A) on the frozen
36 surface of any public body of water, provided any municipality may
37 by ordinance regulate the hours of operation of snowmobiles and all-
38 terrain vehicles on public waters within such municipality and
39 provided the operation of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle shall be
40 subject to the provisions of section 25-43c; or (B) on any abandoned or
41 disused railroad right-of-way or in any place or upon any land
42 specifically designated for the operation of snowmobiles and all-
43 terrain vehicles by statute, regulation or local ordinance. Any person
44 who violates any provision of this section shall have committed a
45 separate infraction for each such violation."